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BOOK NOTICES.

In Wildest Africa. By C. G. Schillings. Translated by Frederic Whyte. xvi and 716 pp., and over 300 Photographic Studies direct from the Author's Negatives, taken by Day and Night; and other Illustrations. Harper & Brothers, New York and London, 1907. Price, $5.

Few authors become famous in two or three months as Mr. Schillings did when his first book, "With Flashlight and Rifle" was published in Germany. England had not yet heard of the book when a stray copy got over to America, and, a few days later, one of the newspapers filled two pages with pictures and stories of African photography and extracts from Schillings's book. As quickly as they could be issued, English translations of the book were published by two New York houses. The British edition was almost as promptly forthcoming and Schillings was famous.

The present book contains the second series of Schillings's studies of wild African life. The volume fittingly supplements the first book. The reason why his books are so remarkably successful is that the photographs with which he illustrated them stand in a class by themselves, and Schillings created it. The 600 photographs in his two books are not all good ones, but not one of them is retouched, and every picture has the merit and the fascination of being a trustworthy record of a scene visible in the wilds of Africa by day or revealed in the darkness by flashlight. Schillings provided something brand new for nature lovers, and this is the reason of his success.

The letterpress in this new book is another series of impressions drawn from the author's long experience of life, sounds, scenes, hunting and photography in the African wilds, with further emphasis upon the importance of taking active steps to prevent the complete extermination of wild life. It is gratifying to hear that Mr. Schillings hopes before long to secure a new collection of "Nature Documents," as Dr. Heck designates his photographs.

The War of Moslem and Christian for the Possession of Asia Minor. By Prof. W. M. Ramsay. pp. 281–301 in "Studies in the History and Art of the Eastern Provinces." Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1906. Price, 20s.

The Rede Lecture for 1906 in the University of Cambridge. The war between Christian and Moslem for the soil of Asia Minor began with the invasion of the Cilicia by the Mohammedans in A.D. 641 and ended, in a certain sense, with the definitive conquest of Cilicia by Sultan Selim about 1516. Prof. Ramsay does not attempt, in the limits of a single lecture, to sketch, even in outline, the events of nearly 900 years of war; but he depicts the character of the struggle and the nature of the two powers, the two systems of religion and society which "disputed with one another the possession of what was at one time the richest and